

CITY OF WHEATON NEWSLETTER

March 2018

CITY NOTES

Yard Waste Pickup

Yard waste, food scraps and organic materials are collected at the curb from the first full week of April through the second full week of December. Please do not place yard waste at the curb before the week of April 2, as Lakeshore Recycling Systems can't accept these materials before the pickup season begins.

Use containers no larger than 35 gallons in size or biodegradable paper bags. Each container/bag must weigh no more than 50 pounds and must have one Lakeshore Recycling Systems sticker attached to be collected. For more about yard waste, [visit the City's website](#).

City Offices Closed March 30

Non-emergency City of

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City Recognizes Life-Saving Actions of Wheaton Fire Department Members

High-risk rescues highlighted at Council meeting

While the members of Wheaton's Fire Department routinely train for challenging rescues and extraordinarily dangerous situations, it's not routine when they get a call that puts these skills to use.

At its Feb. 20 meeting, the Wheaton City Council recognized the exemplary actions of Wheaton Fire Department members in two separate high-risk operations.

At approximately 7:45 p.m. March 24, 2017, Wheaton fire and EMS personnel were dispatched to a water rescue incident east of the College of DuPage. They arrived to find a



Wheaton Fire and EMS personnel were honored for rescuing a driver from frigid waters.

vehicle in frigid water approximately 70 feet from shore with the driver inside. In addition, a police officer from another community who had tried to rescue the occupant also needed assistance.

Wheaton fire and EMS personnel implemented a cold-water rescue mission, working with firefighters from Lisle Woodridge Fire Protection District

to retrieve the victims. Firefighter Anthony Tabb entered the water at risk to himself to rescue the vehicle's driver, and he and the victim were assisted back to shore by Firefighter Mortenson and Lt. Byas. Once the victim was out of the water, Paramedics Trikolos and Lecaros treated the highly hypothermic driver.

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CONTACT THE CITY

Police/Fire: 911

After-Hours Water/Sewer Emergency: 630-260-2161

General Information: 630-260-2000

City Hall Hours: 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Friday

Feedback: Please mail your comments to: Communications Department, 303 W. Wesley St., Wheaton, IL 60187 Or email communications@wheaton.il.us

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Wheaton offices will be closed on Friday, March 30. Garbage pickup will not be affected.

Daylight Saving Time

Daylight Saving Time begins at 2 a.m. Sunday, March 11. When you set your clocks ahead, the Wheaton Fire Department suggests that you replace the batteries in your smoke and carbon monoxide detectors, too.

Replacing the batteries approximately every six months helps ensure they are functioning properly, and Daylight Saving Time is a good way to remind yourself when you last replaced the batteries.

Stay in Touch with the Library

Wheaton Public Library will not be mailing out a newsletter, but you can still find out about all the programs, classes, and clubs the library has to offer in the Program Guide on the library's website: wheatonlibrary.org/ProgramGuide.

While you're there, sign up for library eNews to have the latest library information delivered to your inbox each month. And be sure to pick up our monthly program handouts the next time

you visit the library.

Employment Opportunities

The City of Wheaton seeks applicants for the following positions:

- Procurement Officer
- Temporary Seasonal Worker
- Temporary Seasonal Worker – Forestry Intern

To learn more about these positions, visit the City's website at www.wheaton.il.us/jobs.

Commission Seeks Applicants

Interested in helping promote community involvement and volunteering? The City's Community Relations Commission is looking for residents interested in serving on the commission. This group leads the City's Good Citizen Awards program, helps organize Wheaton's Make a Difference Day activities and more. If you are interested, fill out an application and submit it to the City Clerk.

Commission News

The Wheaton City Council reappointed Cathy Coleman to a 3-year term on the Environmental Improvement Commission.



Assistant Fire Chief Pete Vassios (left) received a State of Illinois Firefighter Excellence Award.

Rescues

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Thanks to the rescue operation, the patient survived the incident, and the police officer was safely removed.

Based upon these actions, the Wheaton City Council presented Lt. Byas, Firefighter Tabb, Firefighter Mortenson, Paramedic Trikolos and Paramedic Lecaros with the 2017 Wheaton Fire Department Unit Commendation Award for their flawless execution of mission critical tasks during this high-risk operation.

In addition, Assistant Fire Chief Pete Vassios received a State of Illinois Firefighter Excellence Award for a high-risk rescue he made while with the Orland Fire Protection District, where he previously served as Lieutenant. Assistant Chief Vassios joined the Wheaton Fire Department in February

2015, and due to an administrative error, this award from the Illinois Fire Chiefs Association had been lost for several years. The Illinois Fire Chiefs Association recently discovered this error and notified Wheaton Fire Chief Schultz.

On Sept. 13, 2014, Vassios and his crew responded to a single-family house fire with an occupant trapped inside. Vassios entered the home's bedroom window under heavy smoke, located the trapped occupant, and pulled her to safety. While the victim did survive for extended time after the incident, she ultimately succumbed to her burn injuries while at Loyola Hospital. Vassios's bravery along with his fellow crew members gave the victim the best chance for survival, and for these actions, Vassios received the State of Illinois Firefighter Excellence Award.



Pictured above are the winners of the Wheaton Community Relations Commission's 2017 Good Citizens Awards.

Nominate Someone for Good Citizens Awards

Do you know someone who you think deserves to be recognized for his or her service in the community? Wheaton's Community Relations Commission encourages you to nominate a person or group for Wheaton's 2018 Good Citizens Award.

This award helps recognize those who make the generous and often extraordinary contributions that make Wheaton an outstanding community. This may be

volunteer service for a school, church, nursing home, civic group or nonprofit organization. A person may also be nominated for service to an individual, such as tutoring, assisting an elderly neighbor, etc.

The categories for nominees are: high school student, adult and group. A nominee must be a current Wheaton resident who has done something for the benefit of Wheaton and its citizens.

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- Or, mail your application to Wheaton City Hall, Attn: Sharon Barrett-Hagen, 303 W Wesley Street, Wheaton, IL 60187.

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Nominations are due by April 10, 2018.

The Community Relations Commission will review nominations, and the City will honor award recipients at the May 21 City Council meeting.

Three March Workshops Will Discuss City Budget

If you would like to learn about the City's proposed Short Fiscal Year 2018 Budget, attend the City's Budget Workshop Sessions, which will take place:

- 9 a.m. Saturday, March 10
 - 7 p.m. Monday, March 12
 - 9 a.m. Saturday, March 17
- During the sessions, which

will take place in the Council Chambers of City Hall, 303 W Wesley Street, City staff and the City Council will discuss and review the proposed City budget for the upcoming fiscal year. This upcoming budget will be an 8-month budget, as the City will be transitioning from a May to

April fiscal year to a calendar year budget.

The proposed budget will be available on the City's website before the budget workshop sessions.

These workshop sessions will be recorded and will be available on the City's website.

UPCOMING EVENTS

An Apple for Harriet Tubman

Date: Monday, March 5

Time: 7 p.m.

Location: Wheaton Public Library, 225 N Cross Street

In honor of Harriet Tubman Day on March 10, author Glennette Turner discusses and shows a DVD of her interview with Harriet Tubman's relatives, which served as inspiration to her picture book, "An Apple for Harriet Tubman." Register at wheatonlibrary.org/calendar or 630-868-7520.

Eleanor Roosevelt: Her Story, Her Day

Date: Thursday, March 15

Time: 7 p.m.

Location: Wheaton Public Library, 225 N Cross Street

Actress Lynn Rymarz brings Eleanor Roosevelt to life. Co-sponsored by the League of Women Voters of Wheaton.

Register at wheatonlibrary.org/calendar or 630-868-7520.

Sunday Concert: Trillium

Date: Sunday, March 18

Time: 2-3:30 p.m.

Location: Wheaton Public Library, 225 N Cross Street

The acoustic quartet Trillium will provide an afternoon of Celtic music featuring banjo, fiddle, mandolin and hammered dulcimer.

Art of the Reformation Age

Date: Thursday, March 22

Time: 7 p.m.

Location: Wheaton Public



Library, 225 N Cross Street

Art historian Jeff Mishur discusses how art fueled a religious movement and made Martin Luther a celebrity in his lifetime. Register at wheatonlibrary.org/calendar or 630-868-7520.

Nature Rx

Date: Thursday, March 29

Time: 7 p.m.

Location: Wheaton Public Library, 225 N Cross Street

Recent research suggests that time spent in natural settings such as forest preserves, parks, and even in our backyards improves our health and reduces pain and stress. Learn how sustainable living and

landscaping is good for us and other creatures in our midst. Presented by the Conservation Foundation. Register at wheatonlibrary.org/calendar or call 630-868-7520.

Celebrate Easter, Celebrate Spring

Date: Saturday, March 31

Time: 10 a.m.-noon

Location: Memorial Park

Join the hunt as the Downtown Wheaton Association drops thousands of eggs in Memorial Park. The Easter egg hunt starts promptly at 10 a.m. The park will be divided up into age appropriate areas. The Easter Bonnet Contest will take place in the band shell immediately following the Easter Egg Hunt.

New: Check Building Permit Status Online

If you have applied for a building permit with the City's Building Department you can now check on the status of the permit through the City's website.

The City recently rolled out this feature to allow contractors and residents to see where the City is at in the process of reviewing the application. You will need to know your contractor ID and application reference ID.

You can read these instructions on the City's website and check the status of your permit at www.wheaton.il.us.

Save the Date for Paper Shredding

The City's Environmental Improvement Commission will host a paper shredding event from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturday, April 7 in the commuter parking lot at Carlton Avenue and Liberty Drive. This is a drive-up event, and documents will be shredded on-site.

You must remove rubber bands, plastic page protectors, plastic bags, plastic file tabs and binders. However, staples and paper clips do not need to be removed.

Downtown Wheaton Construction Update

Front Street work begins soon

The City of Wheaton has selected a contractor to begin work on Front Street this spring. The streetscape project includes work along Front Street from West to Cross Street and will feature an entirely new street with wider sidewalks, new lighting, benches, and a new Memorial Plaza.

The improvements will begin in late March/early April, dependent on weather conditions.

To learn more about the City's downtown streetscape project and to see project drawings, visit www.wheaton.il.us/downtownstreetscape.



Construction this spring will include creating a new Martin Memorial Plaza on the north side of Front Street.

District 200 Seeks Feedback

As District 200's current strategic plan, Vision 2018, comes to an end, the Board of Education is planning for the future. They have drafted Vision 2022, a tentative roadmap for the next four years. Community members are invited to a presentation and discussion to offer feedback.

Join on Tuesday, March 13 at 10 a.m. Hubble Middle School or at 7 p.m. at Monroe Middle School and share your feedback. Questions? Contact Erica Loiacono at 630-682-2469 or erica.loiacono@cusd200.org.

Nicor Working on Infrastructure Project to Modernize its System

Nicor Gas and contractor NPL will be modernizing the system that delivers natural gas safely and reliably to some Wheaton neighborhoods this Spring. The Nicor Gas System Improvement initiative is a multi-year initiative to modernize aging natural gas infrastructure.

Major steps involved in the project may include sewer inspections, identifying new meter locations and utilities, installing natural gas main and

lines, connecting the system and restoring landscaping and pavement.

Here is a list of the areas affected by this project:

- 1044-1345 Campbell Avenue
- 626-811 S Chase Street
- 314-605 Dawes Avenue
- 315-605 & 923-1702 Elm Street
- 1000-1130 S Lorraine Road
- 1015-1107 Naperville Road
- 1317-1321 Nelson Circle

- 627-701 Pershing Street

- 720-1106 S President Street

- 1020-1103 S Prospect Street

- 1106-1345 S Sumner Street

- 1003-1011 Taft Avenue

- 1106-1317 Underwood Terrace

- 1106-1319 S. Washington Street

- 1019-1103 S. Williston Street

For more information,

contact Ray Fazio at 630-317-1751, rfazio@southernco.com or visit www.nicorgas.com.

Police Want You to Be Aware of Utility Scams

On Jan. 29, a suspect (white male, 5'5" tall, approximately 175 pounds) knocked on the door of a residence on Hawkins Circle and met with the homeowner. The suspect identified himself as a City of Wheaton Water Department employee.

The suspect stated he was there to inspect the faucets due to contaminated water in the neighborhood. Once inside the home, the suspect kept the resident distracted while an accomplice entered the home and went through a jewelry box. No description of the accomplice was available.

The City of Wheaton



Most City vehicles can be identified by the City seal somewhere on the vehicle and/or municipal license plates that start with an "M."

would like to inform residents that City employees will identify themselves with an official identification card with the employee's photo. In addition, the City's Water Division

vehicles have the City seal on the door. The Water Division will typically contact residents in advance to schedule appointments for water meter service, but occasionally will

approach homes regarding water issues stemming from water main breaks.

A resident can confirm a City of Wheaton employee by contacting the specific department during business hours at the following numbers: Public Works at 630-260-2110, Water Division at 630-260-2090, or City Hall at 630-260-2000.

Residents can also call the Police Department/911 to verify City employees or request a police officer to check on someone representing themselves as a city employee.

[For more information, watch this video on preventing utility scams.](#)

Take Impact DuPage's Community Survey by March 30

Impact DuPage is a group of community leaders and organizations working together to understand the needs and priorities of DuPage County residents. As part of the

Impact DuPage 2018 Community Assessment, they are conducting a survey that asks what is important to residents. Your participation in this survey will help Impact DuPage improve the well-

being of the community. The survey is open through March 30 and takes an estimated 3-5 minutes to complete.

This survey is available in English ([www.surveymonkey.com/r/](http://www.surveymonkey.com/r/impactdupage2018)

[impactdupage2018](http://www.surveymonkey.com/r/impactdupage2018)) and Spanish (www.surveymonkey.com/r/impactdupage2018spanish). For more information, contact impactdupage@dupagehealth.org.



CITY CALENDAR

City Council Meetings and Planning Sessions are held in the Council Chambers at Wheaton City Hall, 303 W. Wesley St. Coffee with Council takes place in the Gamon Room at City Hall. Visit www.wheaton.il.us for a complete list of meetings and events.

March 2018

- 3** Coffee with Council, 10 a.m.
- 5** City Council Meeting, 7 p.m.
- 10** City Council Budget Workshop, 9 a.m.
- 12** City Council Budget Workshop, 7 p.m.
- 17** City Council Budget Workshop, 9 a.m.
- 19** City Council Meeting, 7 p.m.
- 26** City Council Planning Session, 7 p.m.
- 30** City offices closed